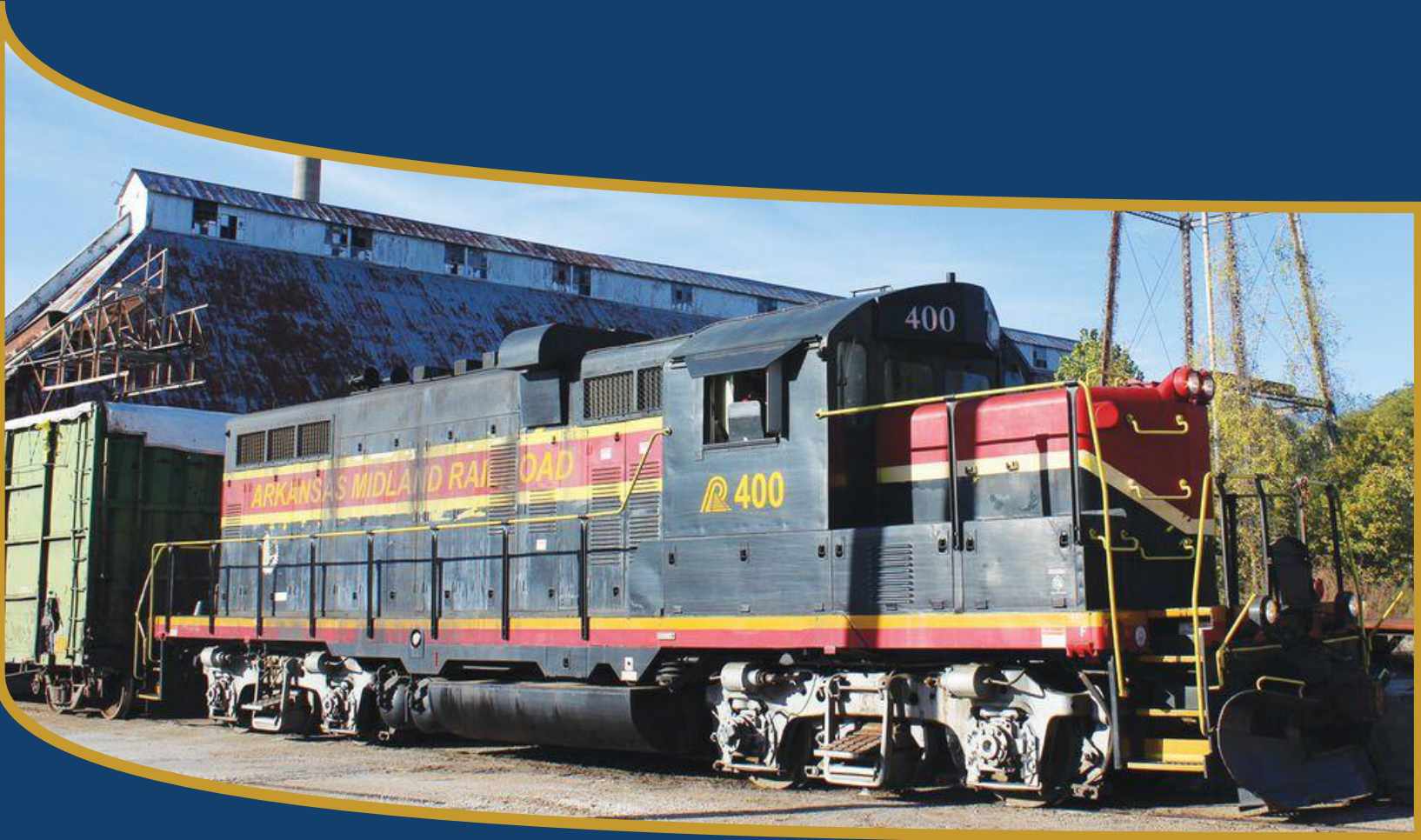


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Helena Harbor Rail Improvements

Awardee: Phillips County

Federal ID# 71-6005078

Awardee Contact: Don Gentry

Telephone: 870-338-5500

County: Phillips

Congressional District: 1

Funding:

DRA	\$155,500	24.00%
Other Public Investment	\$300,000	46.00%
Private Capital Investment	\$200,000	30.00%
Total	\$655,500	100.00%

Description: The project will utilize DRA, State CDBG, private industry, and local funding to make repairs to a damaged, and subsequently closed, rail line servicing Helena Harbor and all of Phillips County.

Benefits: The largest and most immediate outcome and benefit of the proposed project will be the reopening of the rail service to Helena and all of Phillips County. Additional benefits will be in the form of 115 jobs retained and potential new industry requiring rail services.

Yellville Rail Spur

Awardee: City of Yellville

Federal ID# 71-6046151

Awardee Contact: Shawn Lane

Telephone: 870-449-6581

County: Marion

Congressional District: 3

Funding:

DRA	\$124,696	73.48%
Other Public Investment	\$45,000	26.52%
Total	\$169,696	100.00%

Description: Replacement of all rail ties on the quarter mile long rail spur and to add over 75 tons of ballast to make the spur operational again. This spur is the only publicly accessible rail spur on the Missouri Northern Arkansas Railroad (MNA); and 2" to 4" of road base to the unloading/loading & parking area and to bring electricity/water from the industrial park up to the rail spur.

Benefits: The completion of this project will restore jobs immediately by allowing the wood pallet business to begin operating again. Miller's Hardware and other area businesses will be able to once again utilize rail as a mode of transporting their products, which will add money to their bottom line and better position them to create new jobs.

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North Little Rock EDC Equipment Purchase

Awardee: North Little Rock EDC

Federal ID#: 71-0706247

Awardee Contact: Todd Larsen

Telephone: 501-371-0116

County: Pulaski

Congressional District: 1, 2

Funding:

DRA	\$150,000	6.61%
Other Public Investment	\$2,1200,000	93.39%
Total	\$2,270,000	100.00%

Description: Purchasing and installing equipment to be used by the City of North Little Rock, North Little Rock Electric Department, and Ben. E. Keith Foods, a food distribution company that is expanding its operations in North Little Rock.

Benefits/Outcomes: The main benefit is 82 new full-time employees as projected by Ben. E. Keith. The average salary for Ben E. Keith's employees is \$33.65/hr. (\$70,000/yr.).

Be Pro. Be Proud.

Awardee: Associated Industries of Arkansas Foundations, Inc. **Federal ID#:** 58-1891199

Awardee Contact: Andrew Parker

Telephone: 501-372-2222

County: Pulaski

Congressional District: 1, 2, 3' & 4

Funding:

DRA	\$250,000	50.43%
Other Public Investment	\$119,500	24.11%
Private Capital Investment	\$126,200	25.46%
Total	\$495,700	100.00%

Description: BE PRO. BE PROUD. will strengthen students' STEM education and interest in becoming part of the highly skilled workforce needed to sustain and attract high-quality manufacturing and related jobs in and to Arkansas. Manufacturing is now a STEM field that requires skill and training, and colleges are adding programs in Advanced Manufacturing, Mechatronics, and specialized skills to meet the growing demand. Through the BE PRO. BE PROUD. outreach efforts, educators, parents and families will have a first-hand opportunity to witness program outcomes and become more aware of STEM education and career opportunities for their children and students.

Benefits/Outcomes: Initiative will educate approximately 800,000 9-12 grade students, parents, teachers and other key influencers about the value of technical skilled professions with emphasis on workforce development.

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Fairfield Bay Highway 16 Sewer Extension

Awardee: City of Fairfield Bay AR

Federal ID#: 71-0743967

Awardee Contact: Paul Wellenberger

Telephone: 501-884-6500

County: Van Buren

Congressional District: 2

Funding:

DRA	\$133,266	72.72%
Other Public Investment	\$50,000	27.28%
Total	\$183,266	100.00%

Description: DRA funds will be used to extend sewer line from existing manhole south of the Presbyterian Church on Dave Creek Parkway to businesses on highway 16 currently on a septic system.

Benefits/Outcomes: This sewer line extension will protect the 40 jobs that are at Dollar General, Cravens Foods, and NOACON construction. These businesses are key to making our town of 2,338 citizens attractive and inviting to future residents. Not having sewer on Highway 16 has made the addition of a fast food, convenience store, or gas station impractical.

Ozark Mountain Poultry

Awardee: Independence County

Federal ID#: 71-6016119

Awardee Contact: Robert Griffin

Telephone: 870-793-8800

County: Independence

Congressional District: 1

Funding:

DRA	\$150,000	0.39%
Other Public Investment	\$3,492,520	9.04%
Private Capital Investment	\$35,000,000	90.57%
Total	\$38,642,520	100%

Description: DRA funding will be used for rail spur and road infrastructure improvements at the Ozark Mountain Poultry feed mill near Magness, Arkansas.

Benefits/Outcomes: In addition to 255 new jobs, the project involves infrastructure improvements at the Ozark Mountain Poultry feed mill near Magness, Arkansas. The DRA funding will be used for rail spur and road construction.

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Chicot County Waterline Extension

Awardee: Chicot County

Federal ID#: 71-60130556

Awardee Contact: Mack Ball

Telephone: 501-884-6500

County: Chicot

Congressional District: 1

Funding:

DRA	\$65,069	1.6%
Private Capital Investment	\$4,000,000	98.4%
Total	\$4,065,069	100.00%

Description: DRA funds will be used to extend the existing water line 2,620 linear feet to provide services to the new Loves Travel Stops and Country Store location and also install a new fire hydrant to improve fire protection.

Benefits/Outcomes: This project will benefit Chicot County because Loves Travel Stops and Country Stores will be creating 15 full-time year-round jobs.

El Dorado Festivals & Events

Awardee: El Dorado Festivals & Events Inc.

Federal ID#: 45-0831620

Awardee Contact: Pam Griffin

Telephone: 870-863-4547

County: Union

Congressional District: 4

Funding:

DRA	\$220,935	1.31 %
Other Public Investment	\$16,761,237	98.69%
Total	\$16,982,172	100.00%

Description: DRA funding will be used to create an arts & entertainment district as an economic engine in order to combat declining population, retain major corporate citizens and attract new enterprises.

Benefits/Outcomes: This project will assist in retaining more than 850 jobs supported by three of major local employers, Murphy Oil Corporation, Murphy USA and Deltic Timber. These jobs are currently at risk due to declining conditions that contribute to difficulties in employee retention and new employee recruitment.

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Our House Learning Center Renovation

Awardee: Our House, Inc.

Federal ID#: 71-0653846

Awardee Contact: Ben Goodwin

Telephone: 501-944-5110

County: Pulaski

Congressional District: 2

Funding:

DRA	\$100,000	7.25 %
Other Public Investment	\$679,690	49.26%
Private Capital Investment	\$600,000	43.49%
Total	\$1,379,690	100.00%

Description: Our House Learning Center equips 400 homeless adults with full-time jobs each year. DRA funds will be used to help in an \$880,000 renovation project, of the Learning Center building.

Benefits/Outcomes: The end result will be a renovated and purpose-designed Learning Center facility that will be a vibrant hub of dynamic job training programs for decades to come. Our House has a 28-year track record and broad community support (including more than 3,000 unique volunteers each year). With this foundation in place, all we need is a renovated facility to ensure the long-term viability of our Learning Center programs.

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City of Stuttgart Airport

Awardee: City of Stuttgart

Federal ID#: 71-6016820

Awardee Contact: Marianne

Phone: 870-673-3535

Maynard County: Arkansas

Congressional District: 1

Funding:

DRA	\$200,000	6.56%
EDA	\$1,000,000	32.79%
State of Arkansas	\$1,850,000	60.66%
Total	\$3,050,000	100.00%

Description: CAVU Aerospace Inc. is based at the Stuttgart Municipal Airport and has exceeded its goals over the past three years in the aircraft parts recycling industry. The airport is proposing to further extend its relationship with CAVU by constructing a hangar and office complex and making road and parking improvements.

Benefits: With this investment by DRA, CAVU will create a minimum of 20 new jobs. Economic growth and development will be enhanced, a local business in the Delta will be able to expand, and, with the completion of this project, both Arkansas and Prairie counties will be better poised to attract and retain a talented and skilled workforce.

Rison City Sewer Project

Awardee: City of Rison

Federal ID#: 71-0358607

Awardee Contact: Vernon Dollar

Phone: 870-536-1971

County: Cleveland

Congressional District: 4

Funding:

DRA	\$196,250	100.00%
Total	\$196,250	100.00%

Description: DRA funds will be used by the city of Rison to correct defects in the sewer pond that stop sanctions from the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality.

Benefits: The necessary repairs will make the facility more efficient, safe, and compliant. The outcome of this project will bring the facility into compliance with all government regulations.

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Big River Steel Sewer Improvements

Awardee: City of Osceola

Federal ID#: 71-6016933

Awardee Contact: Dickie Kennemore

Phone: 870-563-5102

County: Mississippi

Congressional District: 1

Funding:

DRA	\$256,500	29.65%
Applicant	\$608,576	70.35%
Total	\$101,719	100.00%

Description: DRA funds will be used to help finance the extension of water and sewer utilities from existing lines at the intersection of Highway 198 and County Road 239 to the new Big River Steel facility.

Benefits: This project will create approximately 600 jobs in the area and place 750-3000 participants in workforce training and education programs. Once this project has been completed, the new utilities will serve 57 households in the surrounding area and 6 commercial facilities.

Addison Shoe Company Equipment

Awardee: Wynne Economic Development Corporation

Federal ID#: 45-3570024

Awardee Contact: Chris Clifton

Phone: 870-932-3957

County: Cross

Congressional District: 1

Funding:

DRA	\$177,720	36.97%
Applicant	\$153,000	31.83%
State of Arkansas	\$150,000	31.20%
Total	480,720	100.00%

Description: DRA funds will be used as gap funding in the purchase of equipment for expansion and modernization of a shoe manufacturing facility for the Addison Shoe Company.

Benefits: The equipment will allow for retention and generation of 12 jobs, workforce training and education opportunities, and local investment in the company.

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Clay County Road Upgrade

Awardee: Clay County

Federal ID#: 71-6009854

Awardee Contact: Nelson Forest

Phone: 870-598-2667

County: Clay

Congressional District: 1

Funding:

DRA	\$256,500	20.41%
State of Arkansas	\$1,000,000	79.59%
Total	\$1,256,500	100.00%

Description: DRA funds will assist in upgrading and paving a county road to be utilized by PECO Foods.

Benefits: With the DRA investment the project will result in the creation and retention of 40 jobs at the industrial site serviced by the proposed road upgrade. Additionally, this project will result in an improved access road to industrial sites servicing the City of Corning.

Marmaduke Rail Spur

Awardee: City of Marmaduke

Federal ID#: 71-0412172

Awardee Contact: Steve Dixon

Phone: 870-597-2753

County: Greene

Congressional District: 1

Funding:

DRA	\$100,000	44.44%
State of Arkansas	\$18,000	8.00%
Local	\$107,000	47.56%
Total	\$225,000	100.00%

Description: DRA funds will be used in the construction of a rail spur alongside the Union Pacific main line for rail access to two industrial sites with committed industries.

Benefits: With help from DRA, this project will result in the retention of numerous jobs between two industrial sites serviced by the proposed rail spur construction.

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Superior Uniform Group Parking Lot Reconstruction

Awardee: City of Eudora

Federal ID#: 71-6003053

Awardee Contact: William Stanton

Phone: 870-355-4436

County: Chicot

Congressional District: 1

Funding:

DRA	\$118,402	100.00%
Total	\$118,402	100.00%

Description: The Superior Uniform Group's parking lot is in desperate need of repair. The company is the largest place of employment in the surrounding area. DRA funds will be used to repair and upgrade a parking lot utilized by Superior Uniform Group and owned by the city.

Benefits: DRA's investment will help Superior Uniform Group retain 206 full-time jobs and will help improve access for Superior's customers.

Excel Boats Roof Replacement

Awardee: Stone County

Federal ID#: 71-6008747

Awardee Contact: Stacey Avey

Phone: 870-269-3351

County: Stone

Congressional District: 1

Funding:

DRA	\$87,875	90.48%
Local	\$9,250	9.52%
Total	\$87,875	100.00%

Description: DRA funds will assist in the replacement of the roof on a county-owned building that houses Excel Boats—the nation's premier aluminum boat manufacturer with nationwide sales.

Benefits: DRA's investment will help create five jobs. Excel Boats currently employees 36 people.

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Wynne Industrial Park

Awardee: Wynne Economic Development Corporation

Federal ID#: 45-3570024

Awardee Contact: Chris Clifton

Phone: 870-238-2601

County: Cross

Congressional District: 1

Funding:

DRA	\$43,000	100.00%
Total	\$43,000	100.00%

Description: Funding will be used on expenses incurred through the geotechnical engineering and land survey work required for the site. This may include all or part of the following: sample boring; basic laboratory testing on samples to determine the physical properties and engineering characteristics of the soils; preparation of an engineering analysis of the data collected in the field and laboratory determinations with the goal of developing recommendations for design and construction procedures and precautions including soil behavior with respect to seismic events as appropriate.

Benefits: The output and outcome measures include the generation of new jobs, workforce training and education opportunities and the investment in the region by the local government and business community. The outcome will also include positive impacts on households that benefit from employment opportunities, while the region will be able to successfully compete for new business. Useful life on the park development is well over 10 years and could result conservatively in doubling the size of the current manufacturing workforce in Cross County in the next 10 years. In regard specifically to the two preliminary services funded by DRA, the outcome will be a geotechnical quantitative analysis of the soil and a recorded deed of the land parcel that encompasses the industrial park.

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City of Clarendon Sewer Repair (Emergency)

Awardee: City of Clarendon

Federal ID#: 71-6001654

Awardee Contact: Jim Stinson

Telephone: 870-747-3802

County: Monroe, AR

Congressional District: 1

Funding:

DRA	\$107,100	100.00%
Total	\$107,100	100.00%

Description: The City of Clarendon will use funding to repair the collapsed sewer line and restore the adversely affected street to drivable conditions. This project would prevent the three businesses from being further negatively affected, thus preventing them from shutting down.

Benefits/Outcomes: This project will retain 14 full time jobs.

Randolph County Infrastructure Development

Awardee: Randolph County

Federal ID#: 71-6013697

Awardee Contact: David Jensen

Telephone: 870-892-5264

County: Randolph, AR

Congressional District: 1

Funding:

DRA	\$231,250	30.00%
Local	\$550,000	70.00%
Total	\$781,250	100.00%

Description: DRA funds will be used for purchase of property for the location of a poultry processing complex. Land purchased will be owned and maintained by the local board. This land is necessary for the successful recruitment of companies to the region.

Benefits/Outcomes: DRA investments will be used in conjunction with local, state, and regional funding sources to make the project a reality. After an initial two-year phase in, approximately 925 jobs with an annual average wage of \$10.25 per hour will be created throughout the area. Additionally, the company anticipates more than \$121 million in capital investment for the project.

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STRIVE Institute of Technology

Awardee: STRIVE Institute of Technology

Federal ID#: 45-2496540

Awardee Contact: Jack Crumbly

Telephone: 870-633-7338

County: Lee, AR

Congressional District: 1

Funding:

DRA	\$175,000	22.00%
Other	\$636,850	78.00%
Total	\$811,850	100.00%

Description: DRA funds will be used for a series of renovations to the former Anna Strong Elementary School, which has been leased to STRIVE at a rate of \$1/year for 75 years from the Lee County School District. Renovations will include the installation of aluminum roof coating to the building's entire 50,000- square foot roof area and the repair of leakage on a 150-square foot portion of the roof.

Benefits/Outcomes: Through STRIVE, these at-risk youth will receive dedicated training in this manner with a benefit of developing a stronger workforce in the four counties served to begin reducing the number of students placed in residential programs by the state and lowering the overall unemployment.

Delta-Tech Regional Healthcare Education Project

Awardee: City of Dumas

Federal ID#: 71-6002431

Awardee Contact: James Berry

Telephone: 870-382-2121

County: Desha, AR

Congressional District: 4

Funding:

DRA	\$175,000	98.00%
Local	\$5,000	2.00%
Total	\$180,000	100.00%

Description: DRA funds will be used for Delta-Tech building's operating expenses, salaries for two current employees at the DTEC that will receive training in order to keep the healthcare education ongoing, and contracting Greater Delta Alliance for Health (GDAH). GDAH will be contracted by DTEC in the amount of \$80,360 to organize trainings needed to allow the DTEC to offer certification and continuing education courses relevant to healthcare workers throughout the region.

Benefits/Outcomes: The completion of the proposed healthcare education program will result in two current DTEC employees becoming certified to teach healthcare education training across six counties.

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Arkansas Enterprise Communities Sustainable Foods Project

Awardee: East Arkansas Enterprise Community

Federal ID#: 01-0570543

Awardee Contact: Robert Cole

Telephone: 870-630-2005

County: Saint Francis, AR

Congressional District: 2

Funding:

DRA	\$150,000	62.00%
Applicant	\$95,000	38.00%
Total	\$245,000	100.00%

Description: DRA funds will be used to leverage additional funds from Heifer International, the U.S. and Arkansas Departments of Agriculture (i.e. USDA Rural Development and NRCS), private donors and investors. Collectively, these funds will be used to support small business enterprise development.

Benefits/Outcomes: The project will result in increased income for the 100 farmers who will participate in this program. This project will provide jobs for approximately 200 agricultural workers. It will enable entrepreneurs to create 10 to 15 businesses that will employ approximately 100 to 150 workers.

Manila Infrastructure

Awardee: Mississippi County

Federal ID#: 71-60114331

Awardee Contact: Mississippi County

Telephone: 870-763-3212

County: Mississippi, AR

Congressional District: 1

Funding:

DRA	\$200,000	67.00%
Local	\$130,000	33.00%
Total	\$330,000	100.00%

Description: The City of Manila has plans to expand its commercial business district to the newly constructed bypass. Two committed business will locate in the project area, creating 30+ full time positions and investing more than \$2 million.

Benefits/Outcomes: The City of Manila will realize increased tax collections as a result of the business locations. Economic activity in the area will rise and average wages will be improved. Additional properties will be made available to prospective commercial tenants, further expanding the local benefit of DRA investment.

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Argenta Arts Foundation, Creation of Innovation Center

Awardee: Argenta Arts Foundations

Federal ID#: 27-1613026

Awardee Contact: Donna Hardcastle

Telephone: 501-993-1234

County: Pulaski, AR

Congressional District: 2

Funding:

DRA	\$201,105	8.00%
Private	\$2,325,000	91.00%
Applicant	\$50,000	1.00%
Total	\$2,576,105	100.00%

Description: The investment request is to fund a portion of the operating expense which will include salary for a project manager to assist in the development and management of the Argenta Innovation Center and \$7,000 for Central Arkansas Planning and Development District to administer the grant.

Benefits/Outcomes: The project will result in co-work space for technology-based entrepreneurs to ignite a culture of collaboration and job creation resulting in new businesses and new jobs, creating and marketing new products and services. Art Connection provides workforce training in the creative arts, providing support and encouragement for participants to further their education.

Hospitality & Culinary Workforce Development Program

Awardee: Arkansas State University (ASU) Newport

Federal ID#: 71-0855933 Jonesboro Campus

Awardee Contact: Linda Sharp

Telephone: 870-680-8717

County: Craighead, AR

Congressional District: 1

Funding:

DRA	\$97,771	7.00%
Private	\$1,500,000	93.00%
Total	\$1,500,000	100.00%

Description: The proposed project will create a Food and Hospitality Services program at the ASU Newport campus in Jonesboro.

Benefits/Outcomes: Two-hundred and fifty students per year are expected to enroll in the food and hospitality services program.

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Fairfield Bay Conference Center Sewer Upgrade

Awardee: Fairfield Bay

Federal ID#: 71-0743967

Awardee Contact: Paul Wellenberger

Telephone: 501-253-6998

County: Van Buren, AR

Congressional District: 2

Funding:

DRA	\$78,100	5.00%
EDA	\$1,100,000	77.00%
Local	\$260,000	18.00%
Total	\$1,438,100	100.00%

Description: The DRA funds will be used to extend sewer lines approximately 1000 feet in order to serve the existing conference center. The sewer line will be an eight feet gravity line and will include approximately six manholes. The line will be located on private easement. The EDA timeline for completion of the renovation of the conference center is approximately eight months.

Benefits/Outcomes: The expected usage of the conference center is estimated at 50 conferences per year with an average attendance of 60. There is a conservative estimate of 3,000 people attending conferences in economic development along a stretch of the main street of Fairfield Bay (Dave Creek Parkway) that currently does not have sewer access.

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